

THE WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

The First Section.—The plan of the monument is that of a pentagon, 68 feet in diameter, forming a rotunda of the interior 40 feet in diameter, and 40 feet high; to be finished in the Gothic style of architecture, with projecting buttresses, at each angle of 23 by 34 feet, and 43 feet high; also, two octagon turrets at the angles of the buttresses 6 feet 6 inches in diameter, and 68 feet high from the walk to the top of the crockets, and 117 feet to the extreme angles of the base.

In each buttress there will be a room 22 by 19 feet, well lighted by three pointed Gothic windows of 5 by 18 feet; and fitted up for a free library, which will contain 400,000 volumes. Besides it will contain the history and memorials of the Revolution; with a gallery, communicating with each room, for busts and historical paintings.

Each room and section is approached from the first rotunda by five entrances of 9 by 16 feet, and five spiral stone staircases, of easy ascent, to the libraries. Over each entrance will be a marble tablet, 8 by 8 feet, illustrating the history and progress of the monument.

On the frieze of the first section will be placed 98 Gothic white marble tablets, on which to record the names of the signers of the Declaration of Independence; also, the names of the members of the Convention who framed the Constitution of the United States. There will be a terrace 7 feet wide on the top of the section.

The Second Section, which is 56 feet at the angles of the base, and 100 feet high, is surmounted with a rich Gothic cornice and balustrade; also, angular projecting buttresses of 24 by 18 feet, with two external and internal ornamental turrets 6 feet in diameter and 126 feet high, and surmounted with rich Gothic canopies. The buttresses are to contain 45 richly finished niches for marble statuary. The interior of this section will be the grand monumental rotunda, 40 feet in diameter, and 100 feet high, finished in the most splendid style of Gothic architecture, and lit by five pointed Gothic windows, and five circular windows, all glazed with thick ground and stained glass.

In this rotunda is intended to be placed WASHINGTON'S STATUE, in the centre, holding the Declaration of Independence, and surrounded by La Fayette, and our other foreign allies. In the thirteen niches are to be placed statues of the thirteen Major Generals appointed by Congress at Philadelphia, when Washington was elected to take command of the armies.

The thirteen columns are intended to represent the thirteen confederated States, supporting a richly ornamented Gothic canopied ceiling, with an eagle suspended from the centre. Each column is to support the States' flag. There will be two galleries of light ornamental iron-work above the canopy, where can be seen the statuary and historical paintings, illustrating the events of the revolution.

The third section is a plain pentagon tower, 48 feet at the angles of the base, and 87 feet high, surmounted with a rich figured cornice and balustrade, with plain angular buttresses, projecting 14 feet by 9 feet, and 112 feet high.

The interior forms a third rotunda of 38 feet diameter and 86 feet high, well lighted by five pointed Gothic windows 13 feet wide and 43 feet high. This rotunda is intended to be divided into ten separate galleries, for the use and encouragement of young men of genius, in the study of the fine arts; in executing historical paintings to embellish the great saloon; and in modelling statues of the heroes of the revolution, to adorn the interior and exterior niches. The whole will be surmounted by a galvanized cast-iron pentagon pinnacle, 36 feet at the extreme angles of the base, and 194 feet high.

The pinnacle will be cast in the form of window-mullions, and filled in with metal cashes, and glazed with glass. Inside, is to be a wrought-iron spiral staircase, to ascend 146 feet to a platform and a look-out.

A platform will be erected inside of the pinnacle, 25 feet above the base, where instruments may be placed for an astronomical observatory, which will be 279 feet from the base of the monument. The upper look-out will be 400 feet from the base, making the whole bright from the walk to the top of the crocket of the pinnacle 425 feet.



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